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FEDERAL MEDICAL SCHOOL HOLDING ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University will conduct its Faculty Senate Research Day and eighth annual Graduate Student Colloquium April 10-11.

Research Day is held to promote basic science and clinical research collaborations among investigators at USU, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the National Naval Medical Center, the Naval Medical Research Center, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and other affiliated institutions.

A major aspect of each Research Day is oral and poster presentations by USU students and faculty, and researchers from the affiliated institutions. Topics this year include neural and behavioral sciences, critical care and operational medicine, medical and surgical care, molecules and medicine, infectious disease and immunology, health promotion and education, diagnostics, and cancer research.

Roy Curtiss III, Ph.D., professor of biology at Washington University in St. Louis, will deliver one of the main lectures on April 10. He works primarily with *E. coli* and several varieties of salmonella, attempting to understand the genetic and biochemical bases of their pathogenicity via a full array of genetic, biochemical, microscopic and immunological approaches.

Also scheduled to speak on April 10 are David Jacobowitz, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Mental Health and USU's Department of Anatomy, and Eva Mezey, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Doctor Jacobowitz will speak on gene expression in the nervous system, and Doctor Mezey will discuss her research with stem cells.

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The keynote address on April 11 will be delivered by Olli-P. Kallioniemi, M.D., Ph.D., of the Cancer Genetics Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University is the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. It has provided the country with more than 3,000 outstanding military and public health physicians, scientists and health care practitioners. USU also is recognized as a leader in education, research and consultation programs in areas such as military medicine, medical readiness, tropical diseases and disaster medicine. The university is currently conducting more than 500 research projects; total research funding is more than \$70 million.

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PRESS ADVISORY: Media interested in attending any of the Research Day activities should call USU's Office of University Affairs at (301) 295-3925 for specific times of presentations and speeches.